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Attorney Docket No.: **60188-627**
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer No.20277
Tetsuji NAKAKUMA, et al. : Confirmation No.: 6212
Serial No.: 10/644,744 : Group Art Unit: 2818
Filed: August 21, 2003 : Examiner: SON LUU MAI
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE :

ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 29, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire July 29, 2004, wherein the Examiner required restriction between the following distinct *Species*:

- Species I - as shown in Fig. 1 corresponds to claims 1-2;
- Species II - as shown in Figs. 3 or 5 corresponds to claims 3-6;
- Species III - as shown in Fig. 7 corresponds to claim 7; and
- Species IV - as shown in Fig. 9 corresponds to claim 8.

Applicants elect without traverse, Species II, as shown in Figs. 3 or 5, with claims 3-6 readable thereon, for initial prosecution on the merits.

Applicants also reserve the right to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected claims which the Examiner has indicated is patentably distinct.

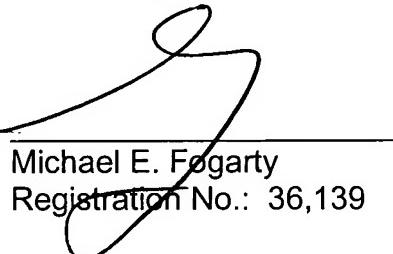
Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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